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MEMORANDUM FOR [REDACTED]

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2. It is the opinion of the Director of Central Intelligence that a prompt and positive approach must be made to a solution of this problem and that he must advise and make recommendations in this field to the National Security Council in fulfillment of his statutory duty as set forth in Section 102(d) of the National Security Act of 1947.

3. It is proposed that the Central Intelligence Agency prepare an interagency intelligence production program, that the preparation be carried out in close cooperation with the intelligence agencies represented on the National Security Council, that it be submitted to the Intelligence Advisory Committee for concurrence or comment prior to issuance for implementation.

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4. As a first step in the development of this plan, the Director of Central Intelligence requests that each department intelligence chief submit a comprehensive and detailed statement of the intelligence production program of his department, clearly defining (a) the intelligence requirements of his department; (b) the internal production schedule of his agency to meet these requirements; (c) the existing interagency agreements to augment (1) the internal production with external material and (2) the external requirements with internal production; and (d) the requirements not adequately or satisfactorily met by (b) and (c).

5. The Central Intelligence Agency will attempt to correlate these departmental programs and prepare an integrated plan, with full regard to the existing basic intelligence program, for study, comment and possible revision by the Standing Committee of the Intelligence Advisory Committee for subsequent presentation to the Intelligence Advisory Committee.

6. With a view toward eliminating undesirable duplication of effort in the production of intelligence, particularly in regard to publications, consideration is being given to the proposal previously made by the JIC that the Central Intelligence Agency assume the functions of the Publication Review Subcommittee.

7. It is requested that each recipient of this memorandum inform the Director of Central Intelligence promptly as to the date by which he will be able to comply with 4 above.

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